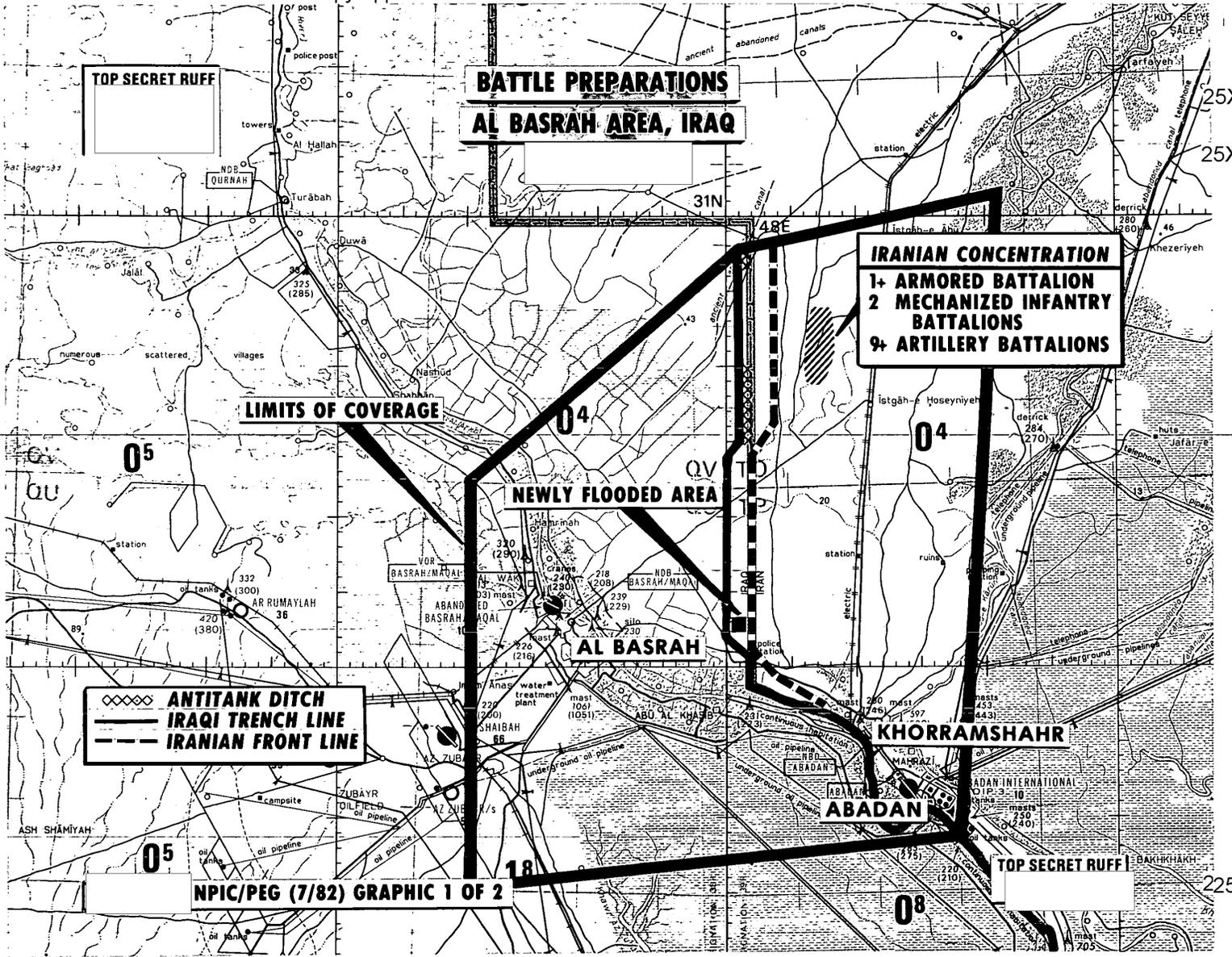


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**BATTLE PREPARATIONS
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ**

IRANIAN CONCENTRATION
1+ ARMORED BATTALION
2 MECHANIZED INFANTRY
BATTALIONS
9+ ARTILLERY BATTALIONS

LIMITS OF COVERAGE

NEWLY FLOODED AREA

ANTITANK DITCH
IRAQI TRENCH LINE
IRANIAN FRONT LINE

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2 PART GRAPHIC

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AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ

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1. (TSR) SIGNIFICANCE: THE IRANIANS CONTINUE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THEIR FORCES IN PREPARATION FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WHILE THE IRAQI FORCES CONTINUE DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS.
2. (TSR) REMARKS: THE IRANIANS ARE CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR AN OFFENSIVE IN THE AL BASRAH AREA. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY BATTALIONS HAVE DEPLOYED WITHIN THE IRANIAN ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF 30-52N 048-08E SINCE [redacted] IN ADDITION, MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN ARMORED BATTALION ARE NEWLY DEPLOYED ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THIS AREA. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN ARMORED BATTALION IN RESERVE ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE ARTILLERY ON [redacted] HAVE DEPARTED THE BATTALION ASSEMBLY AREA. PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE AREA PRECLUDES A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF IRANIAN FORCES (GRAPHIC 1 OF 2).

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(TSR) THE IRAQIS ARE CONTINUING TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL DEFENSES IN THEIR REAR AREAS. NO ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE DEPLOYED INTO THE SECTOR OPPOSITE THE IRANIAN ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION SINCE [redacted]. IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT, IN THE VICINITY OF 30-31N 048-02E, THE IRAQIS HAVE BREACHED THE BERM OF A RESERVOIR AND FLOODED A PORTION OF THE AREA EAST OF THE IRAQI FRONT LINE UP TO THE IRANIAN FRONT LINE (GRAPHIC 2 OF 2).

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3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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